# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*
## *Office of the Governor*

***Whereas***, Monsignor McPhee was born in Rapid City, South Dakota, to Roy and Bernice McPhee. He was a teacher, coach, principal, and administrator for 9 years in the Bowdle, Leola, and Lemmon schools before attending seminary in Ontario, Canada, and St. Paul Seminary in the Twin Cities; and,

***Whereas***, Monsignor McPhee served in parishes in Groton, Gettysburg, and Ipswich, and was named Monsignor by Pope John Paul II in 1996; and,

***Whereas***, Monsignor McPhee was named Episcopal Vicar for seminarian training in 2004, and is known in the hearts of people he serves as a dedicated mentor to seminary students; and,

***Whereas***, It is time to reflect upon the works of Monsignor McPhee and to applaud this servant of God entrusted with spiritual growth and guidance and to recognize him for his commitment; and,

***Whereas***, Monsignor McPhee is celebrating his 30th year of "Mass at the River" on June 8, 2009, and in his honor and for his commitment to seminary education, the Monsignor McPhee Foundation for Seminarian Education has been established in his name:

***Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 8, 2009, as

## *MONSIGNOR MARVIN MCPHEE DAY*

in South Dakota.

***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

**Attest:**

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State